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BIO-TECHNOLOGY SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is dearth of good bio-technological scientists in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to start a National Institute ofBio-Technology for the research and manpower development;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : There is no dearth of good biotechnologists in the country. There are many brilliant scientists working in all frontier areas of biotechnology in research and academic institutions. Training is an integral part of biotechnology development. There is no proposal before the Central Government to start a National Institute of Biotechnology. An integrated human resource development programme in biotechnology in 50 institutions and many schemes of rewards and incentives are under implementation. About 500 students are trained every year and more than 200 scientists benefit from other schemes. With the regular expansion of the programme, in about ten years, more than 6000 biotechnologists have been trained in most advanced areas of research and application.